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STANLEY V. KINYON

(1908-1975)

Stanley V. Kinyon, a member of the faculty of the University of Minnesota Law School for 40 years, died on January 24, 1975, some seven months after his retirement.

Born November 21, 1908 in Owatonna, Minnesota, Professor Kinyon moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota at an early age and attended the University of Minnesota, from which he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1931 and a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1933. An accomplished musician, he earned much of his way through college by playing a trumpet. Despite this outside activity, Professor Kinyon was an excellent law student and upon graduation from the law school was elected to the Order of the Coif.

After a year of private law practice, Professor Kinyon joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota Law School in 1934, and remained a faculty member until his retirement in 1974. While on the law faculty, Professor Kinyon did extensive legal research for the American Law Institute in the preparation of its Restatements of Torts and Property and was the author of numerous articles in the fields of commercial law and the law of surface waters. At the time of his death he was working on the development of some innovative commercial law teaching materials.

Professor Kinyon was a member of a number of professional and civic organizations, including the American Judicature Society, Minnesota State Bar Association, Hennepin County Bar Association, Citizens' League, United Nations Association, and United World Federalists. He was also very active in the work of Alcoholics Anonymous, and it was a source of pride and pleasure to him that he could help many people with a problem that he himself had conquered.

From 1949 to 1955, Professor Kinyon served as a faculty adviser to the law review, and contributed invaluable counsel on various occasions during his entire tenure on the law school faculty. He was uniformly loved and respected by his students, both on and off the law review. In tribute to this scholar, teacher, and friend, the Board of Editors of the Minnesota Law Review dedicates Volume 59 to the memory of Stanley V. Kinyon.